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Theater Guild Receives Highest Rating At District Meet

By Betty Culpepper

Dunbar Theater Guild received a "Distinguished" rating at the Western District Drama Tournament recently with their excellent performance of Robert F. Carroll's "The Sun is a Dead Man's Weapon."

Members of the cast were Robert Pollard, Hattie Penick, Miriam Thomas, and James Giles. Miss Elizabeth H. Jordan directed the play. She was assisted by Mrs. Pearl Harrison, who accompanied the group to Danville where the tournament was held.

Mrs. Harrison, the former Pearl Sandifer, graduated from Dunbar in 1953. While a student at Dunbar, she played a major role in two state festival plays which won "Distinguished" rating: "The Opening of a Door" and "The Barretts." She matriculated at Howard University for three years, working with the Howard Players during that time. She transferred to Hampton Institute from which she was graduated in 1958.

Other schools to participate and receive ratings in the District Tournament were West End High of Clarksville, who also attained a rating of "Distinguished," Addison High of Roanoke, and Langston High of Danville, who both received ratings of "Superior" and Gibson High of Bedford. Coswell County Training School and West End's Speech Choir were guest performers.

Mrs. Olivia Gates, Professor

ENGLISH CLASSES IN ADVERTISING CONTEST

By Alberta Camm

Students at Dunbar are busily preparing essays for the annual advertising contest. This contest is sponsored by The Lynchburg Advertising and Sales Club and is entitled "How Advertising Affects Our Lives." The essays can not be over 1,000 words in length and will be judged by their correctness and clearness as well as contents. A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the local winner who will have a chance to compete in the Nationals for higher stakes.

Miss Jordan, head of the English Department, had this to say about the contest: "Out of this year's group of enthusiastic participants, we should get a winner. To win, however, is not our only objective. We want, also, to show the local Advertising Club that we appreciate the help they so willingly give to Dunbar's various financial ventures."



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L. to R.: Mrs. F. S. Womack, C. C. Moore, J. L. Russell, Miriam Thomas, and Archie Callaham listen during the question period which followed their discussion of Boy-Girl Relations during a special assembly.

Panel Discusses Boy-Girl Relation

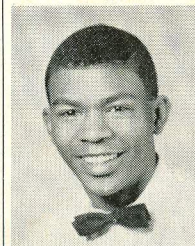
By Joyce Braxton

On Thursday, February 26, the Dunbar Tri-Hi-Y Club sponsored an assembly on the topic "Boy-Girl Relations." The topic was discussed by a panel consisting of Mrs. F. S. Womack, Miss Miriam Thomas, C. C. Moore, J. L. Russell and Archie Callaham. "Behavior For School," "Girls' Behavior At School," "Dating," "Public Decorum For Boys" and "Behavior of Girls in the Community" were topics discussed respectively.

Devotions were led by Effie

JAMES GILES HONORED

By Handy Withers



James Giles was recently honored for the second consecutive year by Student Life Magazine, when his poem "September Rains" was printed in the February issue.

The congratulatory message from editor Walter Hess read: "We wish to congratulate you upon the excellency of your contribution. We are happy to

SPRING CONCERT PLANNED

By Joyce Braxton

The band and chorus are busy making preparations for their annual concert which will be held Tuesday, April 28 at 8:15 P. M. in the Dunbar auditorium.

Numbers performed by the chorus will include "Hallalujah, Amen" from Handel; "Master of Human Destinies" by Hillman; "Soon Ah Will Be Done" by Dawson; and "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Rogers and Hammerstein.

The band's repertoire will include "God of Our Fathers" by Warren, "Why Don't you Believe Me" by Douglas, "The Bells of St. Mary" by Adams and "Mandalay Overture" by Bucktel.

The chorus and band are directed by Mrs. R. M. Coleman and J. L. Russell respectively. Admission is 65c.

Physical Education Dept. Plans Extravaganza

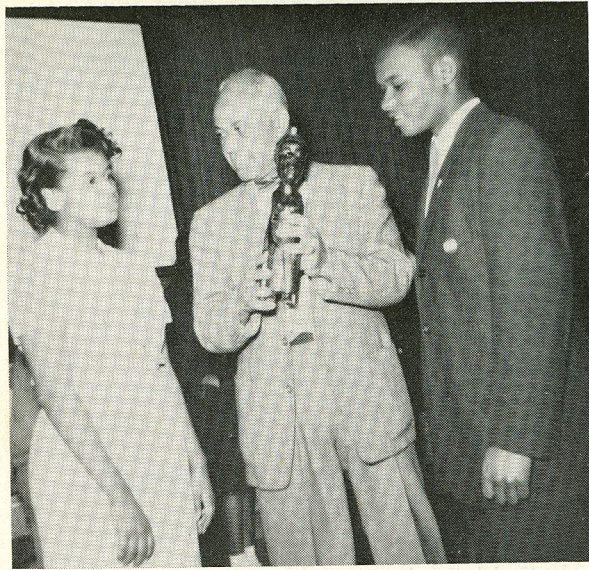
By Howard Johnson

The Physical Education Department will present an exhibition of stunts, folk dancing, and calisthenics in a special program in the gymnasium on April 14. The activities will begin at 8 p. m., and according to C. F. Pinn head of the pro-

Mrs. Olivia Gates, Professor of Drama and Speech at Hampton Institute, served as critic judge.

On March 20-21, the cast will attend the State Drama Tournament at Virginia State College.

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presents
An Easter Dance
March 25, 1959
8:30 - 11



Staff Photo by McCain

Evelyn Hancock, vice-president of the Student Council, and Lester Green, Council president, get some interesting points on African sculpture from Dr. I. J. K. Wells.

Student Council Presents Second Annual Cultural Program

By Rosa Shepherd

Dr. I. J. K. Wells, former supervisor of education in West Virginia, was guest speaker at the second annual cultural program presented by the Student Council recently.

Dr. Wells, who has visited some of the world's greatest museums, is an authority on African culture. After showing a film on present-day Africa, he emphasized the great improvements which this country has experienced.

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Easter Drama Planned

By Yvonne Hughes

Members of the Theater Guild are busily preparing for the Easter play which will be presented in the auditorium at 2 p.m. on March 25. The play is entitled "Simon, the Leper" and tells the Easter story indirectly.

Members of the cast are Robert Baldwin as Simon, Betty Davis as Judith, Raymond Swain as Amon, Kate Graves as Savanna and Gerald Price as Lazarus. Mary will be portrayed by GERAL TURNER, Martha by Irene Jones, and Jalon the leper by Junius Haskins.

Devotions were led by Effic Wansley. Nancy Coles, President of the Dunbar Tri-Hi-Y Club, welcomed the audience and P. Edley, Boys Work Secretary of Hunton Branch, Y.M.C.A. and one of the Tri-Hi-Y sponsors, gave the purposes of the club. Mrs. J. H. Early is school sponsor of the club.

Student Council Presents Open Meeting

The Student Council held an open meeting in the auditorium on February 9. The purpose of the meeting was to give the students a chance to participate in a discussion of school activities. Devotions for the occasion were led by Robert Saunders.

Reports were given by Handy Withers, Ethel Reid, Lucille Withers, Phyllis Jordan, Robert Betts, Evelyn Hancock and Shirley Fowler. Some subjects covered were "Behavior in the Auditorium," "Tutoring," and "Visits to Civic and Municipal Organizations."

Lester Green, president of the council, presided.

Dunbar Grad Receives Honors

By Handy Withers

Laurence Garnell Stamps, a 1953 graduate, received special honors at the Sixth Annual Honors Convocation at Maryland State College recently. The honors were for his high scholastic average. Among the three other English majors honored, Laurence ranked second.

Laurence is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stamps. While at Dunbar he participated in many activities.

have had the opportunity to publish it in our magazine, the only national magazine of its type. We hope that you will continue to cultivate your artistic ability."

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SYMPATHY

The **CHRONICLE** expresses its sympathy to Miss Elizabeth H. Jordan in her bereavement.

Assistant Principal Among Best Dressed

By Langhorne Jefferson



Mrs. P. F. Weeden, assistant principal, has been named one of the ten best dressed Negro women in the United States. The selection was based on a poll conducted annually by NAFAD among fashion authorities throughout the country, society editors, and its own board members.

Other winners are as follows: Mrs. Catherine Morrow of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Gretchen Jackson of Boston, Massachusetts; Miss Vivian Weaver of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Estelle Scott Johnson of Philadelphia; Mrs. Lucille McAllister Scott of Atlanta; Dr. Jeanne Noble of New York; Mrs. Truman K. Gibson of Chicago; Mrs. Maria Coles of Los Angeles; Mrs. Victoria Adams of Baltimore; and Mrs. Zelma Mitchell of St. Louis, Missouri.

Admission to the program will be fifty cents (adults and students).

Highlighting the performances will be the activities of the tumbling team. According to the sponsors, Nathaniel Alexander, Ralph Brimm, Leslie Jones, James Marshall, Danny McCain, and Frank Poindexter will give a display that will be well worth two dollars and seventy-five cents.

Other outstanding stunts will be performed by Howard Johnson and Frank Lee.

Special girl stunts will be performed by Josephine Anderson, Barbara Davis, Louise Pannell, Myrtle Kinney, Alberta Camm, and Ann Hatwood.



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"The Sunday of Joy"

By Geral Turner

Easter is the most important and joyful observance of the Christian year. In its beginning it was called "the happiest of days," "the festival of festivals," "the queen of days," and "the great day alone." Easter means all of these because it brings a new outlook, fresh thoughts and a new awakening of life.

What does Easter mean to you? A new outfit to show off at church? The start of wearing the straw hat again? The coloring of Easter Eggs? If these are true of you, there is another side you must know. The first Easter (St. Luke) for the Christian people meant the "Lord is Risen" from the dead. Applying this principle, it is the reawakening of life in trees, in blossoms that begin to bloom, in the rose bud and the lily, the butterfly. In humans it's a new found beauty; new faith, hope and new love is found everywhere.

This March 29, 1959 go to church, not to look around at someone's clothes or make comments about persons who are not dressed to your standards, but go to worship God. It doesn't matter what you have on, or how you look going to church as long as the real meaning of Easter is within you. Happy Easter!

THE RECESS PROBLEM

Suddenly recess has become a problem. It is a problem to the faculty as well as the students. "Should the type of recess be



Band and chorus members combined their talents to delight everyone in a special assembly recently. A highlight of the program was the rendition of an arrangement of "The St. Louis Blues" by a student combo.

(Top) l. to r.: Reuben McCoy, Ernest Deane, Robert Betts, and Robert Pollard.

Members of the junior chorus (bottom) delighted the audience with their arrangement of "The Children's Marching Song."

Dear Editor:

Around our Dunbar campus there are many situations on which the faculty and students disagree. Recess is one such problem. Many students feel that recess should be both indoor and outdoor at the same time. By that I mean that students will have the privilege of

The Do's and Don'ts of Breaking Up

Submitted by
Nancy Coles

Whether you're the left or the leaving party, breaking up with your steady is a painful process. But, particularly

Inquiring Reporter

by Eleanor Reid

Do you think students should be allowed to decide whether recess should be "indoor" or "outdoor?"

Vernell Thornton: "I would rather have the students choose their own recess because I think they are old enough to conduct themselves properly indoors or outdoors."

Gwendolyn Anderson: "No, in my opinion the judgment of the teachers in deciding whether to have indoor or outdoor recess has been very satisfactory. The teachers are very alert to the weather changes, for in some cases after announcing outdoor recess, they have changed when they realized it was too damp or otherwise inconvenient. Furthermore, I am sure that if the students had a choice there would always be a difference of opinion."

Langhorne Jefferson: "Yes, I would think students should choose their own recess. I also think we should have longer recesses."

Goldie Canody: "I think we should choose our recess. If we can't make our decisions now, when will we? After all the thinking students are the best ones."

James Giles: "No, because the pupils' decision would be divided. Some would want indoor recess, while others would want outdoor."

Veronica Saunders: "I think that students should be allowed the privilege of choosing indoor or outdoor recess."

Cora Ann Jenkins: "I think students would rather pick

faculty as well as the students. "Should the type of recess be called or should it be left to the discretion of the pupil?" This question seems to bother everyone, and it is hard to get an answer which would fulfill or accomplish a feat which would satisfy everyone.

Recess should be left up to the principal. He is capable of deciding what is best for the students' welfare and health. The principal would not want to see any person exposed to bad weather.

It must be remembered that recess is a period of relaxation. It is set aside so as to give us a break after one-half day's hard work. It must also be remembered that this period was established for the teacher's relaxation as well as that of the students.

In the preceding letter, the writer stated that some persons had to do their homework. Homework means actually what it says—work to be done at home. This work is assigned to us by the teachers to be done at home or in the Study Hall. Surely, anyone who waits until the last minute cannot expect to complete his work at recess, neither can he expect to make as good a mark as the person who did his at home.

Then, too, if students were allowed to stay inside the school when they felt like it, it would require additional teachers on duty. That would mean that there would be faculty members working at the snack bar, on the yards, and in the schools,—too many places at one time.

They need to eat and relax just as we do. Then, there are not enough teachers to be on duty everywhere. So let's comply with the school rules. When it is announced that we are to have outdoor recess, don't grumble. Just get your coat and go outside. Enjoy the fresh air, the beautiful scenery, the wonderful sights, the pretty girls.

If you are one of those who have been cluttering the halls, you have been missing the best part of the recess period. Recess, according to Webster, means a temporary withdrawal from work. Be sure you understand the true meaning of this period of relaxation.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of those who made it possible for my landslide victory in the recent Student Council election. I would like to thank the many who voted for me, and the many who didn't.

I would like to say that during my term 1959-1960, I shall do all I can to live up to the office for which you have chosen me. The sponsors, members of the Council, and I will work to the uttermost of our ability to see that this will be the year that the Student Council will give its best service.

I should like to congratulate my three opponents for an excellent race.

Very sincerely yours,
William A. Johnson, Jr., President-Elect
Student Council.

...that I mean that students will have the privilege of deciding for themselves where they want to stay—inside or out. There are many reasons for this. First, there are students who have homework to complete or some studying to do who would like to stay inside.

Second, there may be students who just don't want to go outside for some reason or another.

Third, there are students who feel that it's too cold to stay outside and prefer staying in. There have been days when it really was too cold to have outdoor recess and we had it. Because it was cold many students stayed inside, in the halls on the main floor, or in the basement until a teacher made them go outside. It's getting warm now, but we should consider the other reasons besides the weather. We also have to consider the next year, too.

It's the only free period we students really have and so it should be left up to us to determine how we want to spend it.

Catherine Gilbert.

THE POCKETS OF YOUNG MEN

By Betty Culpepper

It is a well established fact that women require a number of items to remain as beautiful and attractive as they do. It now appears that young men also carry what could be called essential items: Registration card, Driving permit, Stamps, Receipts, Protractor, Handkerchief, Dictionary, Pen, Pencils, Patrol Badge, Keys, Fingernail file, Comb, Pen Knife, Library card, Address notebook, Chewing gum, Pocket Bible, Pictures, Vicks Inhalator, Money, Eyeglasses.

...up with your ready, a painful process. But, particularly if you're the one who was Dear-Johned, you'll protect your popularity rating with everyone if you follow these suggestions:

Do return any gifts of sentiment he gave you. Class rings and fraternity pins are intended for the duration of the romance and, like engagement rings, should always be returned when the relationship ends. This goes, too, for portraits, photographs, athletic medals, or any present of personal value to him. But there's no call at all to accompany their return with a tearstained note, or a hasty one, either. You'll only feel foolish later.

Don't keep his letters, or at least never, never show them to anyone else. He meant what he wrote only for your eyes, and quoting his words to a third person places you in a very unpretty light.

Do speak to him when you meet, for your own sake. If the split-up assumes the proportions of a Hatfield-McCoy vendetta, your friends are going to have to take sides—which automatically means your invitations will be cut in half. Besides, with a little time, an old beau sometimes turns into a very good friend.

Don't play your tragedy to a packed house. It's only natural to spill a few tears and a bit of commiseration; but choose your audience carefully, and keep it small. Your best friend is one thing; the entire membership of your club is another. And in a crisis like this, many a girl has discovered that her mother was surprisingly understanding and knew rather an astonishing amount about love, life and lipstick.

...students would rather pick their own because they know just how cold or hot is to them."

William Wright: "Yes, I think students should choose their own recess because they know whether they want to go outside or remain in."

Ernest Deane: "Yes, because we are the ones who have to stand around in the cold weather when we have to take outdoor recess."

Duval Graves: "Yes, I would rather have the students choose their recess because some days it is cold, and we have outdoor recess; when it is warm we have indoor recess."

Ethel Reid: "Yes, I think the students should choose where they would like to be during recess. It is a period of relaxation and how can you relax if you aren't comfortable? Those who wish to study are inconvenienced by outdoor recess on a windy day and those who wish to socialize in a rather large group are inconvenienced by indoor recess when they have to report to their homeroom."

Annette Lee: "I think the students should be able to choose whether they want outdoor or indoor recess, because everyone cannot endure cold weather."

LAUGHS

By Kathryn Kimbrough

Lila Mac: "Don, why did you cut that hole in the rug?"

Don: "Oh, I just wanted to see the floor show."

Bill: "Why has my hair electricity?"

Jill: "Because it is attached to a dry cell."

Around Town

By Ann F. Jordan

The Parent Teacher Associations of Dearington, Yoder and Dunbar schools observed Founder's Day with a special program Sunday, February 22 at 4 P. M. in the Dunbar auditorium.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Alfred K. Talbot, Jr., president of the Virginia Council of Colored Parents and Teachers. Other participants were W. H. Dickerson, president of the Dearington P.T.A., Mrs. Ralph Boulware, W. F. Martin, and R. A. Langhorne.

The 26th Annual Hill City Youth Conference was held at the Y. M. C. A. and Diamond Hill Church February 21-22.

The topics and discussion leaders were as follows: "Courtship and Marriage," Mrs. Mildred Smith; "Youth and Vocation," Mrs. Dorothy Stone; "Youth and Religion," Rev. Davenport; and "Youth and Education," Mrs. Ralph Boulware.

The speaker for the closing of the conference was the Rev. Haywood Robinson, pastor of the Washington Street Church in Bedford, Virginia.

Monday, March 2 at E. C. Glass Auditorium, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsored the Massie Patterson Festival Tropicanna. Proceeds from the show will be used toward providing a scholarship and prizes for students wishing to further their education.

The week of February 7-11 our principal, C. W. Seay, attended the National Association of Secondary School Prin-

Let's Read Awhile

The Robe

By Lloyd C. Douglas

This is the powerful and moving story of the robe worn by Jesus. This robe was without a seam and this prevented the soldiers from dividing it, so they cast dice for it instead. The plot is then woven around this Roman soldier. How the robe changed his life to such a degree that he became a Christian and becomes an important thread in this dramatic novel.

We do not actually know what became of Jesus' robe, but Mr. Douglas has a realistic and moving story of what might have occurred.

Cluny Brown

By Margery Sharp

The trouble with Cluny Brown (and no one hesitated to tell her) was that she didn't know her place. Nobody else knew it either though, but Uncle Arn and Aunt Abbie certainly felt that her place was not in the Ritz, nor fixing the sinks of strange men. So after these incidents Cluny was shipped off to the summer home of Sir Henry and Lady Carmel to be trained as a parlor maid.

Maybe being a parlor maid was her place; if so, Cluny certainly didn't seem to think so. She managed to project to many that she was "somebody." But it is the chemist, Mr. Wilson, who brings things to a more startling conclusion when he proposes to her.

If you enjoy comedy, Cluny Brown will certainly fill the bill.

Betty Culpepper



Staff Photo by McCain

Betty Culpepper receives the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award from Principal C. W. Seay. Betty made the highest score on a test which is given to seniors annually by General Mills in the search for the "Homemaker of Tomorrow." Betty is a member of homeroom 205.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

By Barbara Fletcher

March brings us the first day of Spring and also Easter this year. Those born in the windy month of March are: Joyce Banks, Joyce Braxton, Julia Banks, Vivian Barnett, Frank Betts, Paula Blair, Martha Bradley, Ralph Brimm, Melvin Brown, Dorothy Burks, James Burks, Robert Callahan, Gustavus Cardwell, Barbara Anne Carr, Ellen Carter, Dorothy Chambers, James Claiborne, Frances Clark, George Claxton, Charlene Cobbins, Nancy Coles, Granville Coleman, William

Coles, Jacqueline Dean, Jesse Dean, Edgar Doswell, III, Lawrence Early, Charles Evans, Sandra Everette, James Farmer, Josephine Ferguson, Margaret Forbes, Jessie Ford, Maggie Ford, Roy Ford, Clifford Fox, Alice Franklin, Frances Fuller.

Patricia Green, Stanley Green, James Harris, Mary Carol Hutcherson, Alberta Johnson, Howard Johnson, Hattie Jones, Peggy Joplin, Fannie Linthicum, McKinley Marshall, Odell Miller, James Myers, Artie Payne, Ernestine Pannell, Bernice Thomas, Sandra Robertson, Henry Scott, David Simpson, Harold Thomas, Vernell Thornton, Mary Watkins, Iris Wood, Fay Young.

The Poets Speak

THE MARCH WIND

By James Giles

*The sky was still; the sea was calm;
Trees upon the mountain felt no harm;
For all seemed to be serene and safe
From winter's frost and tedious snow;
It seemed the North Wind dared not blow.*

*How wrong, how wrong, they were to be!
Willows wept in the willow tree;
The water rippled in the stream;
Skies turned from black to angry gray;
And warned the world of the windy day.*

*A little sparrow laughed at the trees
Tossing wildly in the breeze.
"It's only a brief gust of wind,"
Said he, as he soared off high
Into the windy evening sky.*

*Soon his small wings grew very weak;
His mocking note became just as meek.
The clouds blew hard against his breast;*

*His heart throbbed loudly out of fright,
As the wind chilled the coming night.
Now the March Wind laughed at him,*

*Who so foolishly dared to swim
That ever-swirling ocean of air.
But the Wind saw how brave he'd be
And blew him back to his mother tree.*

*He thanked the Wind who flew right by,
And entered again its castled sky.
What a lesson the sparrow*

tended the National Association of Secondary School Principals in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

M. W. Thornhill, Jr., manager of Community Funeral Home, has been selected to head the 1959 enrollment at the Hunton Branch Y. M. C. A. The drive will last until the 6th of March.

The division leaders are Mrs. Gladys Goode, Mrs. Lillian Hayes, W. E. Gordan and Glover Cardwell.

Fashion Flashes

By Barbara Fletcher
Thinking about joining the Easter parade this year? If you are, be in style, please. For the spring of "59", women will look feminine again. The flower print is at the top of the fashion parade. The appearance of the full gathered skirts and the slim-fitted ones will be a welcome sight. The flower print is worn equally as well in either of these styles.

Of course we must not forget the ever popular "walking suit." It is featured in crepe wools, especially in navy and grey flannel.

To keep in step you need a shoe in step—the pointed toe continues to spark leather shoes for all occasions. Although the pump with closed toe and heel is still No. 1, the open shoes are gaining popularity. The colors destined to be most popular this season are: orange, sea green, bright blues, pinks, and brilliant reds.

Student Council Program

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An exhibit of fine art objects, carvings, jewelry, and other native African-art was viewed by many students after the lecture.

ENGLISH AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE

By Grace Shearer

Are you looking for a course in which you can be constantly surrounded by great people and great works? Dunbar has two departments which offer courses to do just this. They are the English and Social Science Departments headed by Miss Elizabeth Jordan and J. L. Mitchell, respectively.

The English Department proposes to perpetuate democratic ways of living by encouraging clear and honest thinking, thoughtful reading, effective communication, and intelligent listening. It is the belief of the department that by building a teacher-student relationship based on "Heart" as well as on "Intellect," a giant step toward extending the diameter of the individual student's world is made.

Miss E. H. Jordan used these words from a famous poem to summarize the department's aims:

The world stands out on
either side
No wider than the heart
is wide
Above the world is
stretched the sky,
No higher than the soul
is high.
The heart can push the
sea and land
The soul can split the sky
in two
And let the face of God
shine through
But East and West will
pinch the heart
That cannot keep them
pushed apart,
And he whose soul is flat-
the sky.

Will cave in on him by and
by.

"To this 'Renaissance' of each student," said Miss Jordan, "the Language Arts Department solemnly dedicates itself."

The English Department features no clubs but usually sponsors projects annually. The proceeds from these activities are used for the cultural advancement of the student.

The Oratorical Contest sponsored by the department gives the participants a chance to speak formally before an audience and to develop poise and stage decorum. It furnishes the student body with good listening experience and acquaints them with the art of public speaking.

The Social Science Department aims to help students understand better the social,

economic, and moral changes in everyday living. It proposes to raise up a generation who will not only know how to vote, but how to make wise choices in all the affairs of life.

The Social Science Department also features no clubs, but its annual observances, particularly of Negro History Week, are richly rewarding. To students of Negro History classes, this reward is actually daily. H. S. Ferguson, Negro History instructor said, "One of the major purposes of Negro History is to eradicate certain stereotyped beliefs about the Negro and to develop in him a greater appreciation of his contribution to western civilization."

The Social Science Department helps students to accept our American way of life by making them conscious of the advantages and challenges of living in a democracy.

A Star Among Stars

By Gordon Stanley Robinson

Every year Dunbar usually comes up with a highly rated basketball team. Also Dunbar usually has an outstanding player. This year the honor is given to Lutheran Thomas Wiley, better known to the student body as "Pal." "Pal" has really given the sports fans something to yell for with his outstanding performance this season.

Lutheran, who never played Junior Varsity ball, joined the Varsity in 1957 during his sophomore year. He received a first string uniform his first year, and played first string in several games. In 1958, after the

regular season for Dunbar was over, Lutheran played in the Y.M.C.A.'s basketball tournament held in Greensboro, North Carolina. He played on the team of the Y.M.C.A.'s Phalanx of Lynchburg. In this tournament, Lutheran, standing only five feet ten inches, received a trophy for being the most valuable player in the entire tournament. This was an outstanding achievement for him because it was the first trophy he had ever received for the sport of basketball. After this, the basketball season was over until the following year.

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And entered again its castled sky.
What a lesson the sparrow
learned!
"Little birds had better not stray
When the cold March Wind has
its day."

THE EASTER LILY

By James Giles

Up a hill, so very steep and bare
He once stumbled burdened long
ago;
Upon his back was a rugged
cross;
His thorn-pierced head hung
very low.
The dark, sinful world knew not
its loss,
Or that he'd saved them from
the fiery snare.
As blood dripped from that Holy
head,
Mary, His mother, knelt down
and cried,
For His drink of water was a
drink of gall;
And further pain was a pierced
side;
Now the mighty of earth began
to fall,
To join in the mourning for the
dead.
When at last He was carried
away
And buried beneath the darkest
shroud,
A lily, standing by the solemn
cross,
Now covered by a black, venge-
ful cloud,
Was thankful He had saved the
lost
And given the wicked their
judgment day.
It partook all of earth's turbid
tears,
Cleansed them with its own dole-
ful dew,
Which settled chaste on that dis-
mal flower
Far distant from its quiet, lavish
lew
High above in an angelic bowser
Untouched by man's condemning
fears.

Sports Highlights

Dunbar Loses In Finals

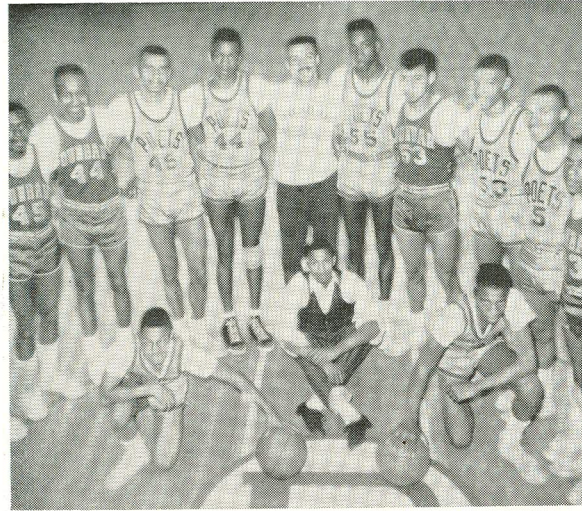
By Melvin Brown

The Poets gained the semi-final round at the VIA Group I basketball tournament with a 81-54 win over Carver High of Fieldale. Dunbar grabbed the lead in the contest and held it all the way, expanding the margin as time went on. The Fieldale team never threatened too seriously. Earlier in the day Addison beat West End, and Burley whipped Southside. Langston defeated Halifax and they all qualified for the semi-final the next day.

The Dunbar Poets met the Addison five at 10:00 and it was a point for point game. At half time the score was 28-28. The Poets played a man to man defense, trying to hold down the high scoring Brown and Clark who generally do their shooting from the corners. With one second to go, the score was 57-57, Wiley was given a free throw which he made and won the game 58-57.

The Poets eliminated Addison, and Langston whipped the Bears. That left the finals up to Dunbar and Langston. The two district powers had split in their regular season meetings. Addison and Burley played the consolation game and Burley topped the Dogs of Roanoke. At 8:20 the finals got underway and the Poets were out to give the Danville team plenty of trouble for

J. V.'s Win Western District Championship



Staff Photo

The members of the Junior Varsity pose with their coach, E. W. Skinner, after a victorious season.

L. to r.: Winfred Smith, William Anderson, and Robert Saunders. (Back) McKinley Marshall, Melvin Johnson, Robert Jackson, Warren Canada, Coach Skinner, Wilbert Andrews, Arnold Johnson, Frederick Reynolds, Harry Saunders, and James Jones.

By Robert Saunders

Dunbar's J. V.'s concluded their season with 16 straight wins, and not a single loss. Unlike most teams, the 1958-1959 Baby Poets had a starting ten instead of a starting five. That is one advantage the group had over most teams. Other advantages were Warren Canada's ability to control both backboards, Robert Jackson's well co-ordinated jump shot from the top half of the key, and the dead eye of Robert "Grass" Saunders' set shots. The group also had Harry Saunders and Freddie Reynolds who were excellent at driving through for lay ups. Of course, Calvin Hull, Hilliary York and Philip Davis and their fast break movement be-

FROM THE J. V. COACH'S BENCH

By Lawrence Early

When I asked Coach Skinner to comment on his J. V. team's success during the season, he had some technical tips which should interest everyone who is basketball-minded.

Following is his answer:

I believe there are a number of important points which should be emphasized over and over to high school basketball squad members, both collectively and individually, particularly if they are planning to attend college.

The coach, because of his close relationship to his players, can do more perhaps than any other person to influence them, especially in formulating worth-

Wiley And The Poets . . .

By William A. Johnson, Jr.

The past basketball season, the Poets accomplished a feat which no other Dunbar team has been able to do. They put together a nine game winning streak which was finally snapped by Burley of Charlottesville. This same school had stopped the Poets in '51-'52 when they established the previous high of eight consecutive games won. While winning the nine games, the Poets played the best ball in the district and their record was topped by none.

During the streak, the Poets also had the best ballhawk in the state in the person of Lutheran "Pal" Wiley. "Pal" was everywhere—shooting from the left, right, and center of the court. Many of his shots which fell through the hoops were fantastic and seemed almost impossible. His play was ranked along with that of the great Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati and equally great Tom Hawkins of Notre Dame.

But then, the roof fell in. As always is the case, all good things come to an end. The Poets' play fell off considerably. Wiley's performances fell off. This can be attributed only to his playing under a considerable amount of pressure. In previous games, he had been averaging twenty-five points. When he became tired and couldn't produce as expected, the team's performance fell off.

While the odds were catching up with Wiley, Coach Waters counteracted with his other aces; namely, Melvin "Moose" Brown,

Paul Williams, Melvin Hawkins, Melvin Fleshman, and Danny McCain. Occasionally, Brown demonstrated his skill and was high point man. He was backed up excellently by his counterparts. But, while the players turned in excellent performances, the team showed that they missed Wiley's constant play. Therefore, in their next four games, the Poets could do no better than win one. The record changed from 9-0 to 10-3.

Two of the Poets' losses were suffered in enemy territory. This is another factor which caused their let down. The Poets, used to playing on their giant court, could not adjust themselves to their opponents' smaller gymnasiums. Then too, the Poets were playing against the better teams, or the cream of the crop, and this too must be considered.

After experiencing great difficulty, the Poets finished the season with three wins in their last four contests. The game in which Dunbar displayed its true greatness was the Langston game. The Poets won by a 70-62 score. In this game, which was won only in the last minutes, Wiley showed how great he was. He scored thirty-seven (37) points with twelve goals. On the foul line, he scored thirteen out of fifteen chances, for an .866 average. He won the game on the foul line, and his overall performance was the greatest ever witnessed by this writer and the large crowd present.

Cupid's Corner

Spring is in the air, and as usual young hearts begin to flutter madly. I'm sure that

ly seen gazing into each other's eyes.

H. S. has taken the place of J. G. with N. C., but J. G. doesn't seem to mind, because

the team plenty of trouble for the crown. It was a point-for-point contest until the last few seconds of the game, when the Poets lost their control of the ball and Langston went on from there to win the game 61-51.

Four of the first five were awarded a berth on the all-tournament team. They were Wiley, Fleshman, Williams, and Hawkins. Wiley also was nominated for the most Valuable Player award.

Bright Future For Track

By Frank Lee

Sports change with the season. We are reminded of the beginning of a new season by the appearance of a group of golden clad athletes, striding continuously through the halls and on the steps of the east building. Track season has begun.

Some of this year's candidates are Melvin Robinson, Herman Anderson, Winfred Smith, Wilbert Anderson, Howard Scott, Edgar Woody, Ralph Boulware, and Charles Lewis.

We also have an array of returning stars; for example, Jeff Davis, a standout in the mile and half mile for the past four seasons. William McDaniel, also a miler along with Davis, should dominate the state distance ranks this year as in the past. Returning also to give speed to our relay teams are Roy Ford, star quarter miler; Frank Lee, hurdler and middle distance man; Lester Green, a promising sprinter; Leonard Harris, a sprinter; and John Morris, shot put, discus, and high jump standout.

Judging by past performances, this season promises to be the best season yet for our championship relay teams as well as the individual events.

person to influence them, especially in formulating worthwhile attitudes. Unfortunately, undesirable attitudes account for more college failures, scholastically, than any other factors.

After getting off to a slow start, the J. V.'s were able to iron out most of their mistakes. Then there was easy going until the group met Langston of Danville. Then they were able to run up a fifteen point lead in the first half; however, in the fourth quarter with three minutes left the Danville Club was able to cut this lead to two points. Robert "Grasshopper" Saunders put the game out to a five point lead by making five out of five foul shots. In the closing seconds of the game Harry Saunders gave the ball to Reynolds on a fast break and he dumped it in for the final basket.

The most exciting game this season was against Addison High of Roanoke, whom the Baby Poets beat for the first time on their court in the history of the J. V. team. During the first quarter the group played a fast game and ran up a ten point lead. After getting this lead they played control ball. They moved the ball so as to spread their defense. This allowed Bobby Jackson and Freddie Reynolds to cut through the center freely. They then depended upon the accuracy of Robert Saunders' set shots.

Coach Skinner was very much pleased with the record of the Baby Poets, but he was most pleased at the attitude and conduct of the teams in practice at home games and away from home. There is a strong possibility that at least six of these J. V.'s will head for the varsity comes next season.

Here is one basic point which I always attempt to emphasize to my athletes:

Studies must come first. The athlete's first obligation is to study and work up to his capacity. Letting the athlete slide through his studies renders a great dis-service to him, whether or not he goes to college. Poor marks will eliminate the potential college athlete from consideration by the better colleges and universities. The boy's scholastic record will be with him long after his athletic prowess is forgotten.

Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

By Babs Fletcher

Across

1. Babs, 6. Caps, 8. A. G., 10. Gin, 11. Rub, 12. N. A., 13. S. S., 14. Cat, 17. Miller, 20. Acorns, 21. Ego, 23. Al, 25. I. E., 27. Slo, 28. Tar, 30. T.V., 31. Etch, 33. Scar.

Down

2. A. C., 3. Bag, 4. Spin, 5. Cars, 7. Snap, 9. Gus, 14. Clog, 15. Alro, 16. Ten, 17. Ma, 18. Ice, 19. R. S., 22. Nite, 23. Alt., 24. Love, 26. Eats, 29. R. C. C., 32. Ha!

PROBLEMS

By Barbara Mae Fletcher

You can tell a freshman by his silly, eager look.

You can tell a sophomore because he carries one less book.

You can tell a junior by his jolly air and such.

You can also tell a senior but you can't tell him much.

flutter madly. I'm sure that there will be many cardiac cases before the close of school.

"Complicated Situation"

P. W. likes R. Mc.

E. R. likes M. F.

P. W. likes M. F.

E. R. likes R. Mc.

But now P. W. likes R. Mc. and E. R. likes M. F. "Young Love!"

L. J. has finally found room in her heart for P. W.

A. A. sings all the time about G. Y.

C. T. has become quite irresistible, hasn't he, K. K.?

A. J. and M. R. have finally become the sweethearts that they were meant to be.

G. S. is patiently waiting for her "Johnny" to come marching home.

The true beauty of G. C. has been discovered by W. J.

J. W. has become "the most" in the eyes of J. C.

J. H., how much gas do you use driving to and from the Fort Hill section?

C. R. and J. M. are frequent-

A STAR AMONG STARS

(Continued from page 3, col. 4)

Lutheran practiced all through the summer, through football season on into basketball season of this year, 1959.

He came back this season to make another great achievement. He broke Robert McCory's scoring record of thirty-three points in a single game by sinking in thirty-seven points in the Dunbar-Langston game here in the Dunbar gym. His teammates proudly lifted him on their shoulders and marched him down the gym floor. Lutheran ended up the season with a 20.6 average in scoring. In three games, his scoring record went past the thirty point mark.

doesn't seem to mind, because he has the love of a certain senior.

P. T., you're been quite a busy bee since someone has been gone.

R. R. has completely forgotten her old love, but has found a new love, W. S.

P. F., are you finally satisfied?

D. Mc., are you happy now? "Babs" has a crush on you.

E. V., does cupid know you, or is it he hasn't enough arrows to go around?

Sorry L. H., but "Skinny" has made his choice!

"Headlines," "Skill" has an admirer, D. H. can you imagine!

R. S., since you change every time the weather changes, let's hope the weather stays the same now, right E. S.?

Now that spring is in the air, so is new love, M. P. and W. Mc., C. R. and J. M., J. F. and D. Mc., P. H., and F. C., and J. A. and E. W. respectively.

So long, lovers; maybe cupid will hit you in the next issue!

Lutheran, an eighteen year old senior, is passing in all his subjects. He has been offered a scholarship by Winston-Salem's Teacher's College, but he is waiting to hear from other schools that offer training in Elementary Education in which he is mainly interested. He would like to attend Elizabeth City College in North Carolina or Bowie State Normal College in Maryland, but he doesn't know at the present which college he will attend. I'm sure, however, at any college which he attends, he will be known as "a star among stars."